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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6274

BILL NUMBER: SB 166

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 5, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Small Business Assistance Team.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Randolph

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill establishes the Small Business Assistance Team and designates the membership of the Team. It specifies the duties that the Small Business Assistance Team shall carry out to assist small businesses in Indiana. It provides that, upon request by the Small Business Assistance Team, state agencies and other state entities shall designate an employee to: (1) assist the Small Business Assistance Team in carrying out the team's duties; and (2) act as a liaison between the team and the agency or entity. It specifies that the Small Business Assistance Team may not refuse to provide assistance or information to an individual or entity because of an individual's income or other compensation, credit history, credit score, employment history, or criminal history. It also requires the Small Business Assistance Team to submit an annual report to the Legislative Council.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill establishes the 10-member Small Business Assistance Team. The bill requires the Team to provide various informational and technical assistance services to small businesses and to act as a liaison between small business and state agencies or private organizations and programs. The bill requires the Team to submit an annual report to the Legislative Council before November 1st each year. The report must detail the Team's activities and include any recommended legislation. The bill also requires any state agency, upon request of the Team, to support the activities of the Team.

Members of the Small Business Assistance Team would not receive per diem, but they would be entitled to reimbursement of any traveling or other expenses incurred in connection with the work of the Team. The potential cost of expense reimbursements is indeterminable. Agencies could experience some increase in workload in supporting Team activities. Assuming such support would fit within the parameters of an

agency's normal administrative functions, agencies should have sufficient resources to complete tasks relating to Team requests.

The 10 members of the Team would be the Small Business Ombudsmen and one member each designated by: (1) the Lieutenant Governor; (2) the Secretary of State; (3) the Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development; (4) the Commissioner of the Department of Labor; (5) the Commissioner of the Department of State Revenue; (6) the Commissioner of the Department of Local Government Finance; (7) the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Management; (8) the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation; and (9) the Purdue University Technology Assistance Program.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Lieutenant Governor; Secretary of State; Department of Labor; State Revenue Department; Department of Workforce Development; Department of Local Government Finance; Department of Environmental Management; Department of Transportation; Purdue University; Small Business Ombudsman.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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